

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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RONALD TJ ENGLE,

Case No. 3:24-cv-00257-MMD-CSD

Petitioner,

ORDER

V.

STATE OF NEVADA, *et al.*,

Respondents.

11 Petitioner Ronald TJ Engle seeks an extension of time to file his second amended
12 petition. (ECF No. 24 (“Motion”).) Engle asserts he needs an additional 60 days to file his
13 amended petition because of (1) the complex and voluminous record in this case; (2)
14 counsel’s innocence investigation, and (3) the amount of time Engle’s expert has
15 estimated for review. (*Id.* at 1.) Respondents oppose Engle’s Motion to the extent he is
16 conducting new investigations without having first sought leave from the Court to conduct
17 discovery. (ECF No. 25.)

18 Discovery in habeas matters is governed by Rule 6 of the Rules Governing Section
19 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts, which provides that “[a] party shall be
20 entitled to invoke the processes of discovery available under the Federal Rules of Civil
21 Procedure if, and to the extent, the judge in the exercise of his discretion and for good
22 cause shown grants leave to do so, but not otherwise.” Accordingly, the Court denies
23 Engle’s request for an extension to the extent he is conducting discovery without seeking
24 leave of court and establishing good cause.

25 The Court finds, however, that Engle has presented support for his extension
26 request and that his request is made in good faith and not solely for the purpose of delay.
27 The Court thus finds good cause exists to grant Engle an extension of time to file his
28 second amended petition.

1 It is therefore ordered that Petitioner's Motion to Extend Time (ECF No. 24) is
2 granted. Engle has until August 19, 2025, to file his second amended habeas petition. In
3 all other respects, the schedule for further proceedings set forth in the order entered on
4 August 27, 2024, will remain in effect.

5 DATED THIS 16th Day of July 2025.



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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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